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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 4 October 2005, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.